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Matsui Statement on Super Committee's Failure to Reach Deal

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-05) released the following statement upon the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction's announcement that they have failed to reach a deal:

"The Super Committee was given a unique and historic opportunity to get America on the right path by addressing our nation's deficit and creating jobs in a responsible manner. I am disappointed that the committee has failed in its purpose and that a fair and balanced deal could not be reached.

"We all know that the way back to fiscal responsibility cannot be cuts alone, and revenues need to be part of any solution. Unfortunately, our Republican colleagues would not consider putting any meaningful revenues on the table. Instead, they continued to push to extend the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, while paying for it on the backs of America's middle-class and seniors. As I have continuously stated throughout this process, we must [protect the programs](#) upon which so many of our constituents rely.

"Additionally, it did not appear that our Republican colleagues wanted to consider a jobs plan within the committee context. As we move forward, we must not only continue to work to fix our country's deficit, but also focus on creating jobs in this country. Just because the Super Committee failed, does not mean that this Congress should. We need to cut spending without stifling economic growth. We need to raise revenues to ensure that everyone pays their fair share. And, above all, we need to pass job creation measures because getting our economy on track is the best way to reduce our deficit in the long term."

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